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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application
of: Senanayake *et al.* Confirmation No.: 5396

Serial No.: 10/643,941 Art Unit: 1621

Filed: August 20, 2003 Examiner: B. Davis

For: METHODS OF PREPARING
DIDESMETHYLSIBUTRAMINE
AND OTHER SIBUTRAMINE
DERIVATIVES Attorney Docket No: 4821-522

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2004, please consider and enter into the file of the above-captioned application the amendments and remarks provided below. Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.